

pensions, then and in that event the State Treasurer shall pay said pensions out of the general fund in the State treasury: *Provided, however,* that in no year shall the total amount paid for pensions exceed two hundred thousand dollars.

Total amount limited

Applicants to appear before County Board of Pensions.

Certificate of physician for applicants unable to attend.

Inmates of Soldiers' Home ineligible. Deserters and deserters' widows ineligible. *Provido,* deserter defined.

Persons having estate ineligible.

Disposal of property not to qualify.

Application filed with County Board of Pensions.

Constitution of Board.

What application shall state.

Application to be verified

Affidavits of witnesses.

SEC. 2. That all persons entitled to pensions under this act, not now drawing pensions, shall appear before the County Board of Pensions on or before the first Monday in July of each year, for examination and classification in compliance with the provisions of this act: *Provided,* that all such as are unable to attend shall present a certificate from a creditable physician, living and practicing medicine in the community in which said applicant resides, that the applicant is unable to attend.

SEC. 3. That no inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Raleigh, nor any person who was a deserter, or who receives a pension from any other State, or of the United States, nor the widow of such deserter, shall be entitled to a pension under this act: *Provided,* that no soldier who has been honorably discharged or who was in service at the surrender, shall be considered a deserter in the meaning of this act.

SEC. 4. That no person shall be entitled to receive the benefits of this act who owns property whose tax valuation exceeds the sum of five hundred dollars, or who, having owned property in excess of five hundred dollars, has disposed of the same by gift or voluntary conveyance to his wife, or child, or children, or next of kin, or to any other person, since the 11th day of March, 1885.

SEC. 5. That before any officer, soldier or sailor, not now receiving a pension, shall receive any part of the annual appropriation herein made, he shall on or before the first Monday in July of every year file with the Superior Court Clerk of the county wherein he resides, who, together with three reputable ex-Confederate soldiers, to be appointed by the State Auditor, shall constitute a County Board of Pensions for their county, an application for relief setting forth in detail the company and regiment or battalion in which he served at the time of receiving the wound, the time and place of receiving the wound, whether he is holding an office in the State, United States or county from which he is receiving the sum of three hundred dollars in fees or salary, whether he is worth in his own right, or in the right of his wife, property at its assessed value for taxation to the amount of five hundred dollars, and whether he is receiving any aid from the State of North Carolina under any other statute providing for the relief of the maimed and blind soldiers of the State, and whether he is a citizen of the State of North Carolina, which said application shall be verified by the oath of the applicant, made before anyone empowered to administer oaths, and shall be accompanied by the affidavit of one or